

PURGED IN THE FIRE.

Uncle Herbert, will you tell us a Christmas story? Please do. The speaker was only a little maid of six years old, but a dozen voices echoed the request.

terrible cry of "Fire!" A house was on fire in one of the streets through which he had to pass; and, with a strange feeling of reprieve, he turned aside—turned aside from the road to his death—to see the sight.

And, with God's help, he did. He rose from that bed, where for so many weeks he had lain in peril of his life, an altered man. His former friends wondered at the change.

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR SUPPLYING THE CITY WITH WATER, FOR THE YEAR 1871, AS FOLLOWS:

CITY ORDINANCES. Section 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of two hundred and thirty-nine thousand two hundred and fifty (\$239,250) dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Board of Health to defray the expenses of the year 1871, as follows:

CITY ORDINANCES. Section 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of five hundred and eighty-three thousand seven hundred and thirty (\$583,730) dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Commissioners of Sinking Funds for the year 1871, to be applied as follows: